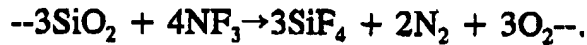


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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, last line, replace the formula with:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 16, 21, 37, 41, 46 and 51 as follows:

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16. (Amended) A method of according to claim 14 wherein the cleaning of said inside of said reaction chamber is conducted by removing said second layer therefrom in accordance with a reaction, $3\text{SiO}_2 + 4\text{NF}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{SiF}_4 + 2\text{N}_2 + 3\text{O}_{[3]2}$.

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21. (Amended) A method of according to claim 19 wherein the cleaning of said inside of said reaction chamber is conducted by removing said second layer therefrom in accordance with a reaction, $3\text{SiO}_2 + 4\text{NF}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{SiF}_4 + 2\text{N}_2 + 3\text{O}_{[3]2}$.

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37. (Amended) A method of according to claim 34 wherein the cleaning of said inside of said reaction chamber is conducted by removing said second layer therefrom in accordance with a reaction, $3\text{SiO}_2 + 4\text{NF}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{SiF}_4 + 2\text{N}_2 + 3\text{O}_{[3]2}$.

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41. (Amended) A method of according to claim 38 wherein the cleaning of said inside of said reaction chamber is conducted by removing said second layer therefrom in accordance with a reaction, $3\text{SiO}_2 + 4\text{NF}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{SiF}_4 + 2\text{N}_2 + 3\text{O}_{(32)}$.

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46. A method of according to claim 43 wherein the cleaning of said inside of said reaction chamber is conducted by removing said second layer therefrom in accordance with a reaction, $3\text{SiO}_2 + 4\text{NF}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{SiF}_4 + 2\text{N}_2 + 3\text{O}_{(32)}$.

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51. (Amended) A method of according to claim 48 wherein the cleaning of said inside of said reaction chamber is conducted by removing said second layer therefrom in accordance with a reaction, $3\text{SiO}_2 + 4\text{NF}_3 \rightarrow 3\text{SiF}_4 + 2\text{N}_2 + 3\text{O}_{(32)}$.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be slightly amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the specification and claims. Specifically, Applicants only now determined that a chemical formula included in the specification on page 6 and in allowed claims 16, 21, 37, 41, 46 and 51 includes an improper stoichiometric amount of oxygen, namely, the formula should be changed to:

